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1. FOLLOWING ARE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING
SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION IN INTER-AFRICAN FORCE FOR
ZAIRE.

2. SAW FRENCH CHARGE MORIZOT THIS MORNING JUST AFTER
HE HAD SEEN PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF AND SENEGALESE
CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL IDRISSE FALL. PRIME MINISTER
INDICATED CLEARLY SENEGAL'S POLITICAL WILL TO PARTICIPATE
IN INTER-AFRICAN FORCE FOR ZAIRE. HOWEVER, SIZE OF FORCE,
TIMING, AND OTHER ELEMENTS PERTAINING TO SENEGALESE
PARTICIPATION WERE NOT DEFINED. PRIME MINISTER

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EXPECTED TO COMMUNICATE DETAILS OF GOS PARTICIPATION
AND PLANNING STARTING MONDAY, JUNE 5.

3. FRENCH CHARGE SAID THAT HE ALSO INFORMED PRIME
MINISTER THAT GOS SHOULD ADDRESS OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR
AIRLIFT ASSISTANCE FOR SENEGALESE FORCES TO USG.

4. FURTHER, ACCORDING TO FRENCH CHARGE, CHIEF OF STAFF
GENERAL FALL TOLD HIM THAT FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS, GOS
WOULD PREFER TO SEND NOT LESS THAN ONE BATTALION (600
PLUS MEN) TO ZAIRE. HOWEVER, IN ORDER FOR THIS TO BE
POSSIBLE, GOS WOULD REQUIRE BOTH MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE FROM FRENCH GOVERNMENT.
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